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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7609**  
Masayuki TAKAHASHI : Docket No. 2000\_1416A  
Serial No. 09/673,518 : Group Art Unit 2171  
Filed December 6, 2000 : Examiner Etienne P. Leroux

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METHOD, AND DIGITAL DATA  
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended by two months to February 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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